Director of Public Instruction should organize a cadre of specialists for the staffing of the college at a very early date; and

(*b*) if so, whether they will call for information from the Director of Public Instruction as to what his proposals are?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The present staff is competent and there is no necessity to organize a cadre of specialists.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know whether this decision of the Government has been communicated to the Syndicate of the Andhra University and, if so, when?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Notice."

Proposed amendment of the rules under the Elementary Education Act.

*833 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the Government propose to make an additional rule that no library books shall be purchased for the school unless they have been approved by the District Educational Officer or the Inspectress of Girls' Schools concerned; and

(*b*) on whose advice do the Government propose to make such a rule?

A.—(*a*) The Government consider that they should have some control over the reading matter supplied to elementary schools receiving aid from public revenues, and that the inspecting officers are in the best position to advise local bodies and other managements of elementary schools as to what books will be most useful in those schools and how best the limited funds available can be utilized.

(*b*) On the advice of the Director of Public Instruction.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know whether the Government consider the presidents of the local boards incompetent to recommend books for use in the libraries of elementary schools?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"It is not a question of competency; we think that the District Educational Officer will be the better authority."

Distribution of boarding grants for Indian orphanages.

*834-A Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state, with reference to the answer given to clause (*b*) of question No. 1111 answered on 4th November 1927 regarding the distribution of the boarding grants for Indian orphanages whether the information referred to therein has been received and if so, what it is?

A.—Of the 5,072 children for whom boarding grants were given in 1926–27, 225 were Hindus, 188 Muhammadans and 4,659 Indian Christians.